

JENNIFER M. GRANHOLM  
GOVERNOR



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY  
ADVISORY COMMISSION

BETTY J. MERCER  
CHAIRPERSON

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT: Lynn Sutfin  
(517) 333-5754

## **Saginaw officer honored for traffic safety contributions**

LANSING, April 25, 2003 – Sergeant Kellee Robinson of the Michigan State Police Third District will be honored by the Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Commission (GTSAC) at its annual awards luncheon Wednesday, April 30, at the Amway Grand Plaza in Grand Rapids.

Each year, organizations, programs and individuals are honored for outstanding contributions to traffic safety in Michigan. Prior to this year, these awards were presented by the Michigan State Safety Commission (MSSC) which was replaced by the GTSAC when the MSSC and the Michigan Traffic Safety Management System were merged in 2002.

GTSAC Chair and Office of Highway Safety Planning Division Director Betty J. Mercer will deliver the annual State of Traffic Safety Address. The awards luncheon is part of the Eighth Annual Michigan Traffic Safety Summit.

At the luncheon, the GTSAC will recognize two individuals, including Robinson, and six programs for traffic safety contributions, along with two individuals and one program with the Richard H. Austin long-term traffic safety award.

Robinson is being honored for her work in producing the senior driving brochure, "How's My Driving?" After research revealed that Huron and Bay counties were ranked #1 and #2 in the state for highest percentage of seniors involved in fatal crashes, and Gladwin and Sanilac counties made the top 10, personnel from Michigan State Police Third District developed the brochure to educate senior drivers, their families and friends. Partnerships were created with several agencies to help address all issues facing older drivers from eyesight and driving fitness to transportation alternatives and needed resources.

*-more -*

TBD, Governor's Office • Linda Scarpetta, Community Health • Greg Lantzy, Education • Rose Jarois, State  
Captain Dan Smith, State Police • John C. Friend, Transportation • Steve Betterly, Office of Services to the Aging  
Sheriff Allen Byam, Local Representative • R. Miles Handy, Local Representative • Chief Gary Gibbons, Local Representative

4000 COLLINS ROAD • P.O. BOX 30633 • LANSING, MICHIGAN 48909-8133  
[www.michigan.gov](http://www.michigan.gov) • (517) 333-5301

The GTSAC was formed by an Executive Order of the Governor in 2002 to serve as the state's major forum for identifying key traffic safety challenges and developing and implementing action plans to address those issues. In addition, the Commission focuses on improving traffic crash data acquisition, storage and management issues.

The agencies of Michigan state government that comprise the GTSAC are: Community Health, Education, Secretary of State, State Police, Transportation, Office of Services to the Aging, Office of Highway Safety Planning, and, the Office of the Governor. There are also three representatives of local government appointed by the Governor.

# # #